Analysis of Elevation Changes of Pine Island Glacier and Simulation of its Spatial Characteristics

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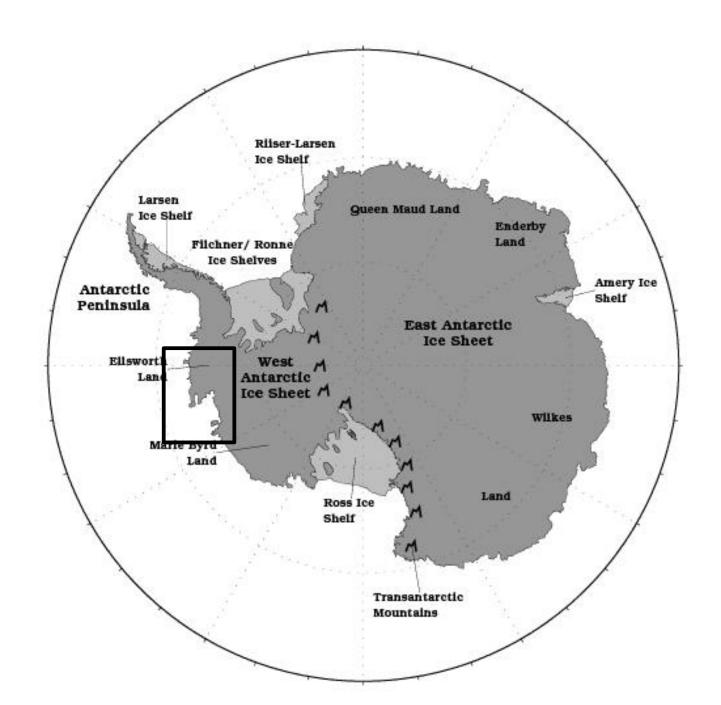
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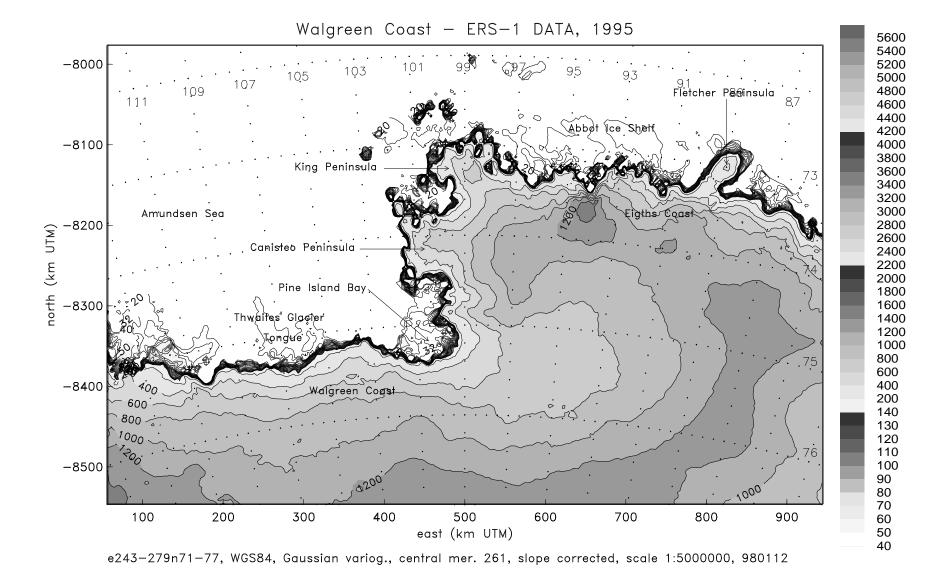
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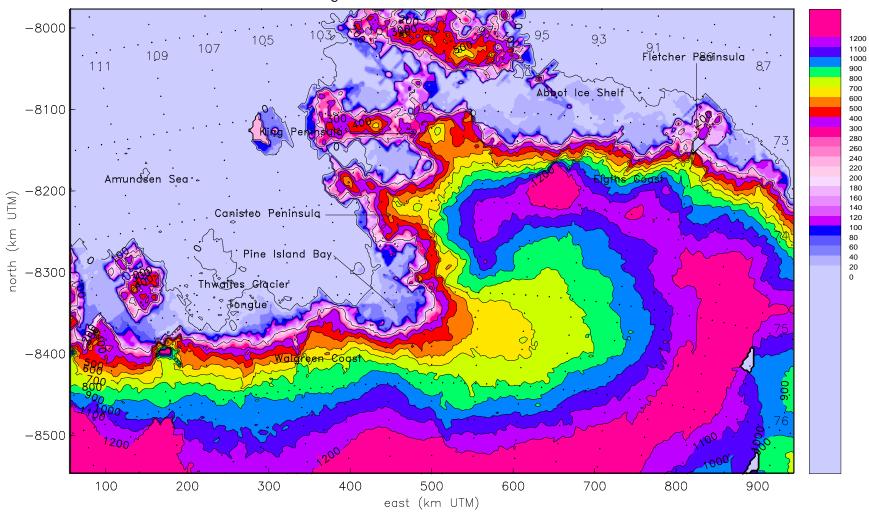
Antarctica with Walgreen Coast (box)



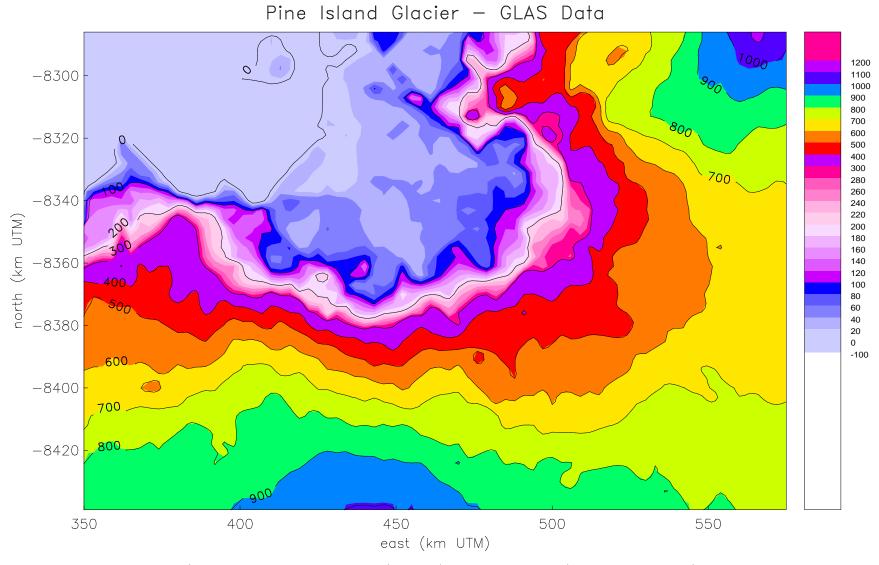


The Role of Pine Island Glacier and Thwaites Glacier in Stability Scenarios for the West-Antarctic Ice Sheet

Walgreen Coast — GLAS Data

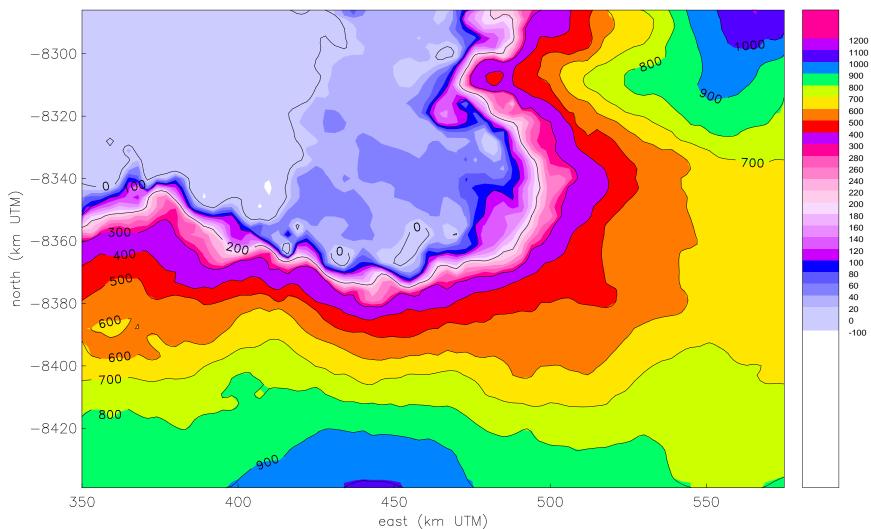


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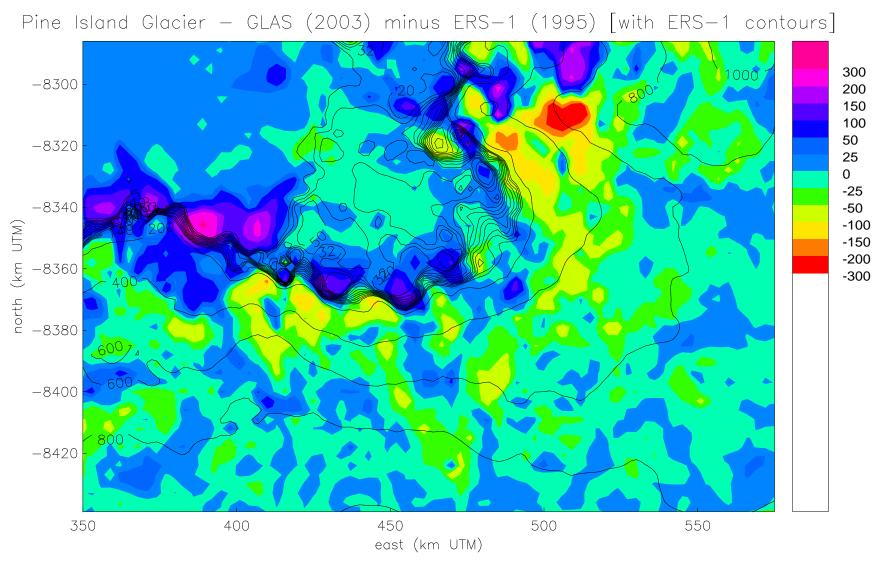


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Pine Island Glacier — ERS—1 Data, 1995



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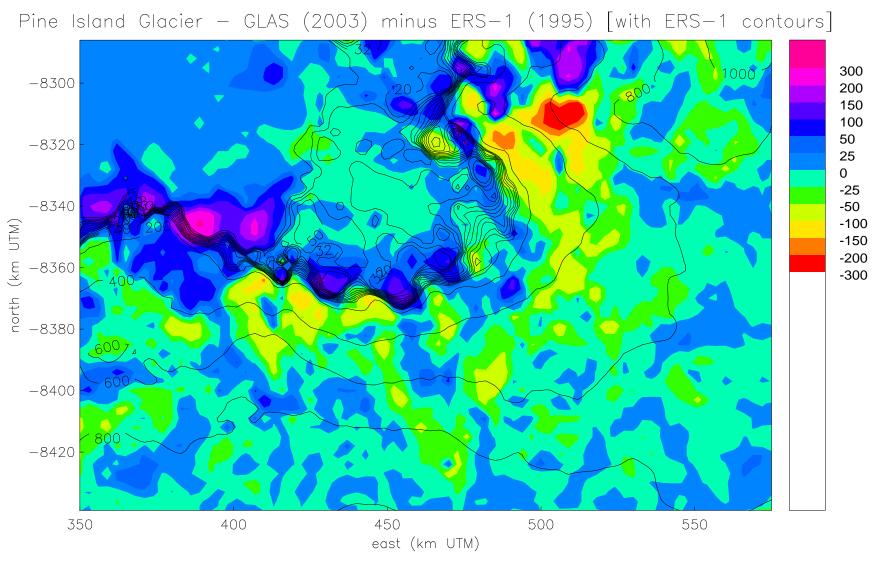
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Results: ICESAt — Pine Island Glacier

- GLAS measures ice surface altimetry with unprecedented accuracy and precision
- DEMs derived from GLAS data using geostatistical analysis can be utilized for elevation change detection, sufficient for geophysical analysis
- Thinning rates in Pine Island Glacier have been increasing
- The observed retreat of Pine Island Glacier is attributed to internal processes in the glacier, related to dynamic thinning

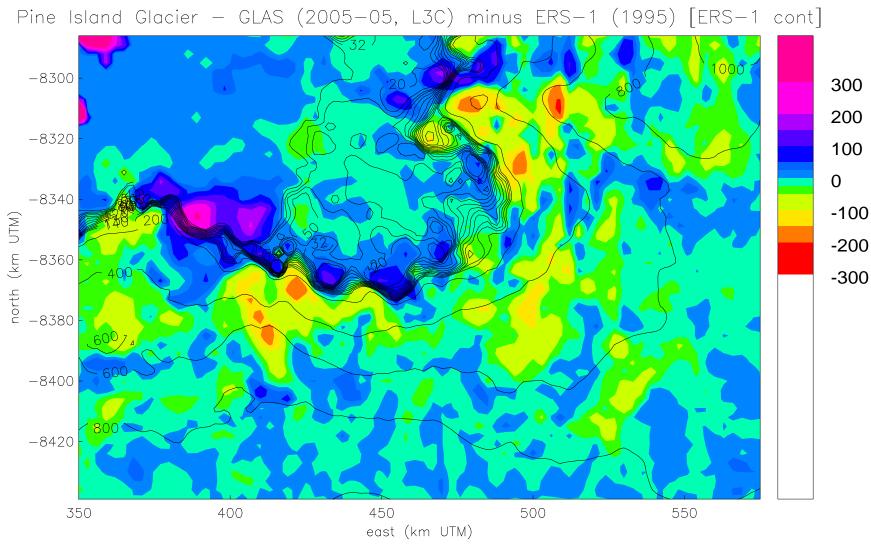
Does this trend continue?

Change over 8 years: 2005-1995



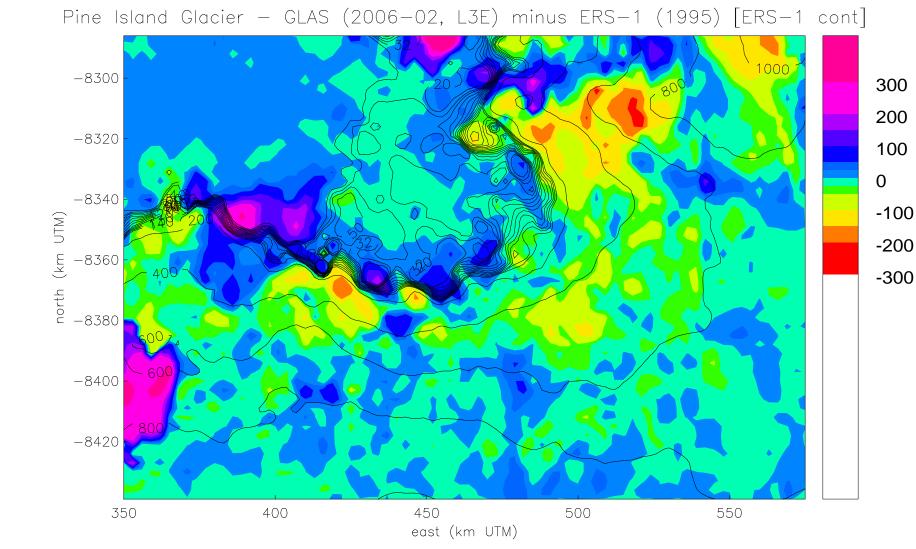
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Change over 10 years: 2005-1995

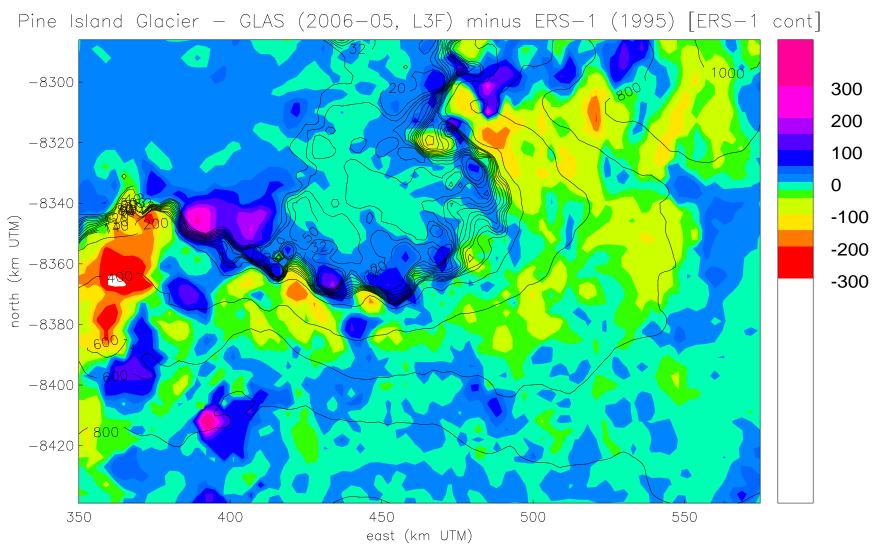


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Change over 11 years 2006 (L3E) -1995



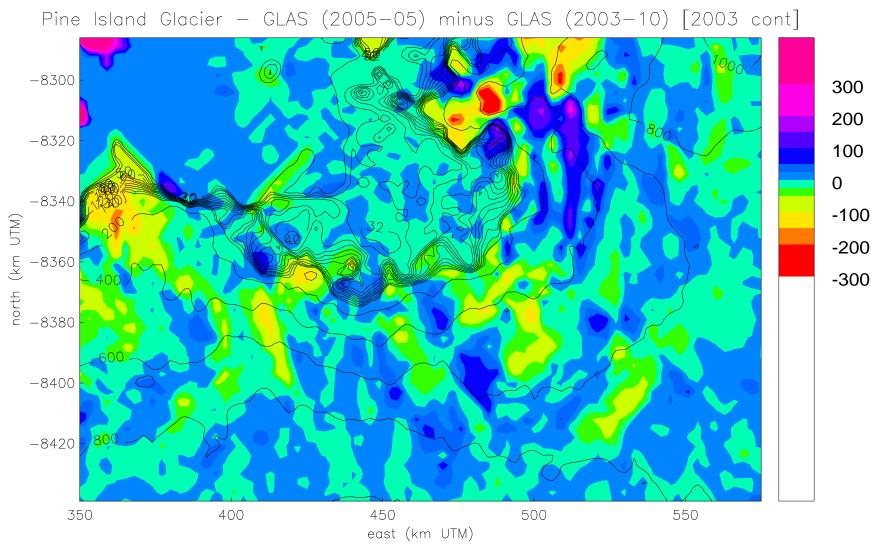
Change over 11 years 2006 (L3F) -1995



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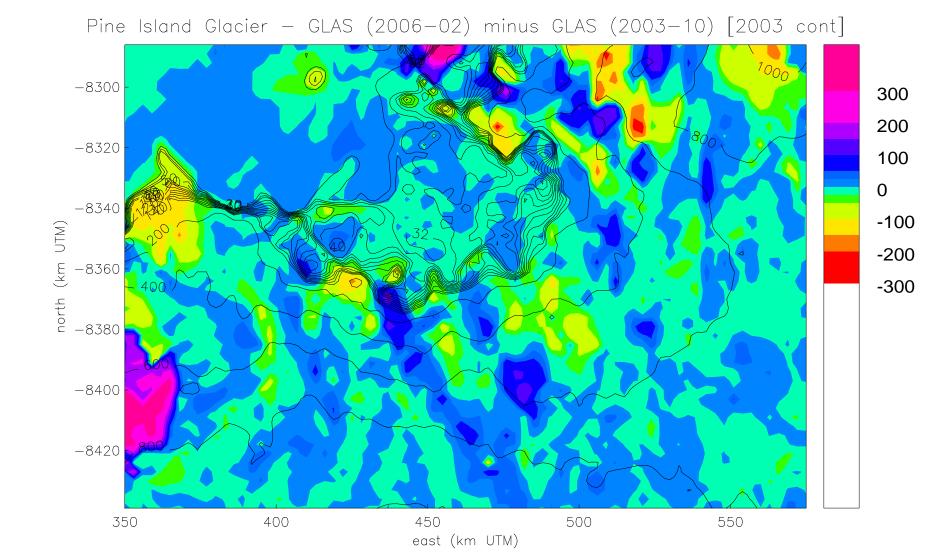
Change in ICESat years —
Analysis based on GLAS data only

Change over 2 years 2005 (L3C) - 2003 (L2A)



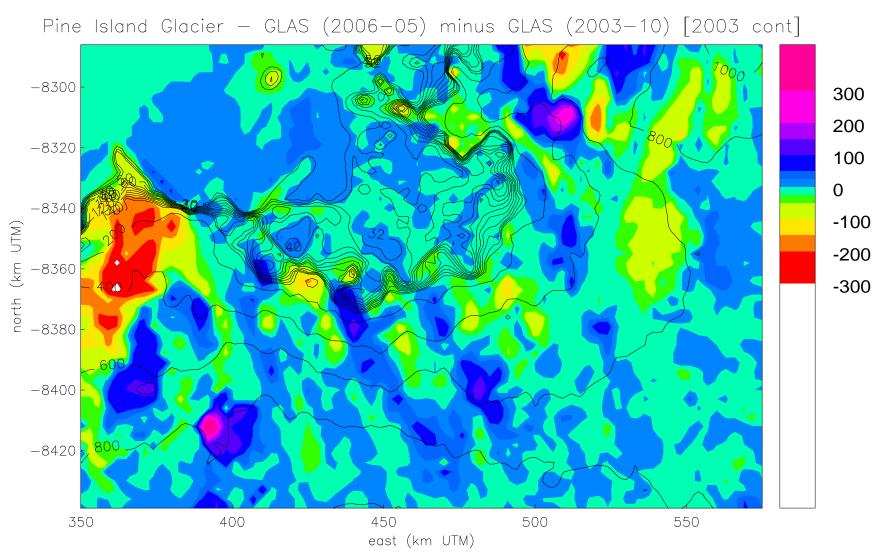
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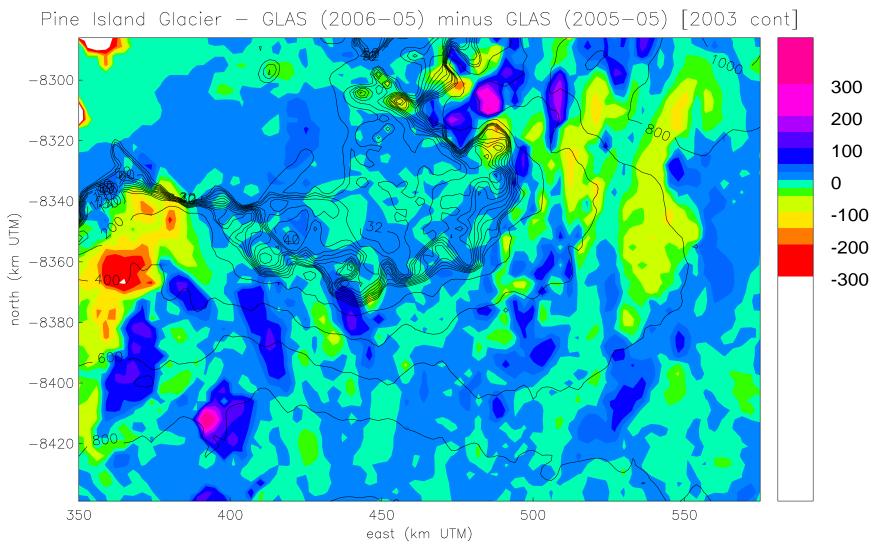
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Change over 3 years 2006 (L3F) - 2003 (L2A)



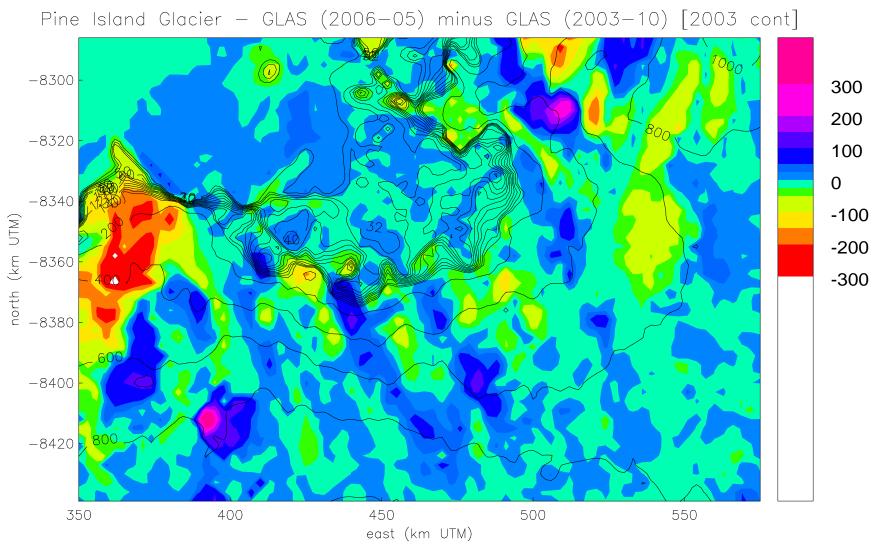
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Change over 1 year 2006-05 (L3F) - 2005-05 (L3E)



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Seasonal Signal 2006-05 (L3F) - 2006-02 (L3E)



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Conditional Simulation:

Scale-dependent fractal fields with natural roughness at every scale

Role of Surface Roughness

To assess the potential of a multi-beam channel to measure high-resolution topography, we need information on spatial subscale roughness (ice surface roughness at a resolution higher than that of GLAS observations).

What is spatial surface roughness?

- a derivative of (micro)topography
- → characterization of spatial behavior

(3.) How do we measure surface roughness? — The GRS!



Remote Sensing of Ice Surfaces

Radar Altimetry 3 km grids

MISR 275 m or 1,000 m pixels

SAR 12.5 m pixels

ATM 7 m resolution

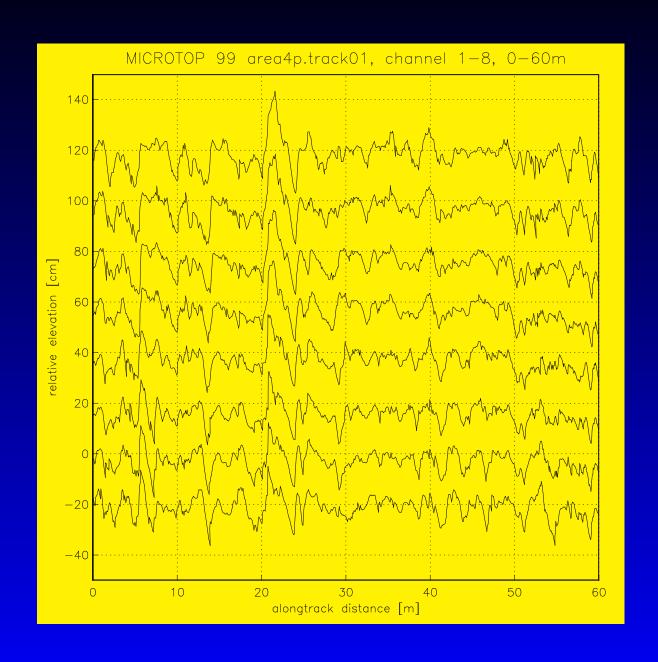
Videography Submeter resolution

The missing scale

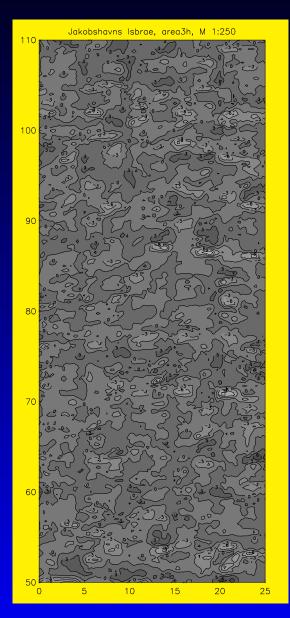
THE GRS 0.2 m resolution

Material properties Microscopic scale

GRS Data – Greenland Ice Sheet



GRS Data – Roughness Model



GRS Data

- data in 8 or 16 channels with across-track resolution 0.2 m
- along-track resolution $\approx 0.1 \text{ m}$
- subcentimeter vertical accuracy

DEMs from GRS data

- 0.2m grids
- areas typically 25 m by 200 m to 200 m by 200 m

Approach: Conditional Simulation of Ice Surfaces

- (1) Use GLAS DEMs as low-res boundary conditions
- (2) Use GRS data (from Greenland) to derive spatial surface roughness parameters using vario functions
- (3) Derive SIMSURF model parameters:
 - scale breaks and their resolutions
 - (b) at every scale range:
 - (b.1) fractal dimension
 - (b.2) direction of anisotropy
 - (b.3) anisotropy factor
- (4) Use SIMSURF software (Herzfeld and Overbeck) to generate ice surface
- (5) Sample model data sets for SB and MB data
- (6) Analyze model data sets

The SIMFRACT method for simulation of scale-dependent fractal surfaces with natural roughness at each scale

- (A) Data analysis part
 - (1) Calculate scale-dependent dimensions (a Variogram method, b Fourier method, c Isarithm method)
 - 2) Determine homogeneity ranges of scale
 - Determine anisotropies at each scale range
- (B) Simulation part
 - (4) Set up a simulation network, matching scale breaks
 - (5) Decide on scale ranges to interpolate versus ranges to simulate
 - (6) Select interpolation method (Shephard, 4-pt)
 - (7) Select simulation method (conditional, unconditional; using Fourier filter method for uncondl simulation of scale-dependent Fractional Brownian surfaces)
 - (8) Select a method to merge scales

Variogram method for function graphs

PROPOSITION 9 (Variogram method for estimation of box dimension of graph of a real function): Let $f: \mathcal{R} \to \mathcal{R}$ be a continuous and self-affine function. Assume existence of the autocorrelation function C of f. Then there is a real number c > 0, such that

$$\gamma(h) = C(0) - C(h) \approx c h^{4-2s} \tag{22}$$

and $dim_B(graphf) = s$.

If Hoelder conditions are satisfied, the box dimension of f may be calculated according to

$$dim_B(graph f) = s \approx 2 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\log(\gamma(h))}{\log(h)} + \frac{c}{\log(h)} \approx 2 - \frac{1}{2} \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{\log(\gamma(h))}{\log(h)}$$

(23)

which may be estimated using linear regression.

Variogram method in \mathbb{R}^3

REMARK 10 (Variogram method for estimation of box dimension for surfaces in \mathbb{R}^3): Let $(x,y)\in\mathcal{D}\subseteq\mathbb{R}^2$, $f:\mathcal{D}\to\mathcal{R}$ an (elevation) function, and $\mathcal{S}=\{(x,y,z)|(x,y)\in\mathcal{D} \text{ and } z=f(x,y)\}$. Let $d:\mathcal{R}^2\to\mathcal{R}$ denote distance according to the L_2 -norm. Assume $\dim_B(\mathcal{S})=\dim_B(\mathcal{S}\cap\mathcal{T})+1$ for each intersection $\emptyset\neq\mathcal{S}\cap\mathcal{T}$ with a plane \mathcal{T} , and assume that the restriction $f|_{\mathcal{S}\cap\mathcal{T}}$ satisfies all the conditions of Propositions 8 and 9 above.

Then the following approximations hold:

$$\gamma(d(h)) = C(0) - C(d(h)) \approx cd(h)^{6-2s}$$
(24)

and

$$dim_B(\mathcal{S}) \approx 3 - \frac{1}{2} \lim_{d(h) \to 0} \frac{\log(\gamma(d(h)))}{\log(d(h))}$$
 (25)

which may be estimated using linear regression.

Wiener-Kinchine Theorem

The Wiener-Kinchine theorem states that the power-spectral density is the Fourier transform of the autocorrelation function:

$$C(h) \rightleftharpoons |\Phi(p)|^2 = E_{SP}[f](p) \tag{32}$$

For two-dimensional functions, the Wiener-Kinchine theorem states that the power-spectral density is the Fourier transform of the covariance function.

Fourier method for function graphs

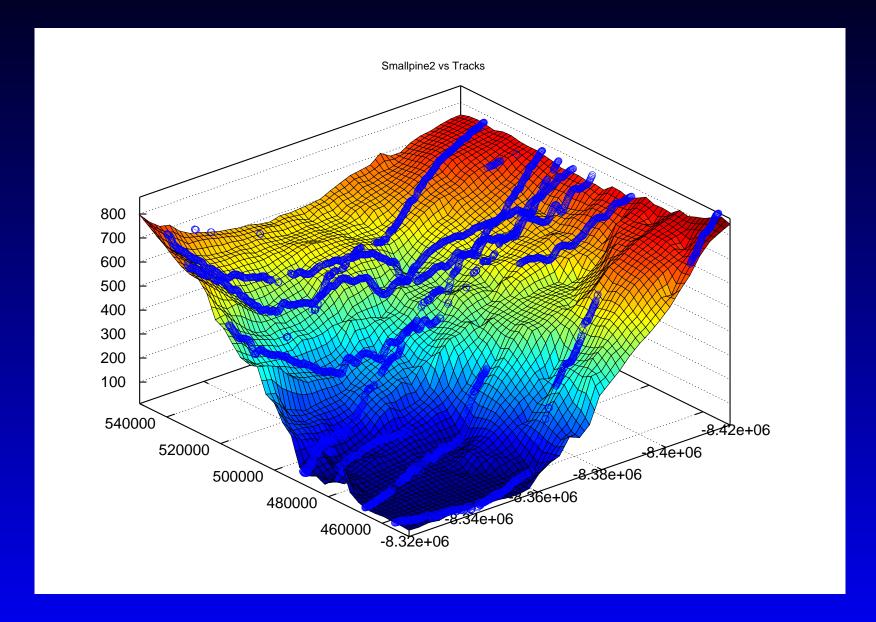
PROPOSITION 11 (Fourier method for calculation of box dimension for graph of a real function): Let $f: \mathcal{R} \to \mathcal{R}$ be a continuous and self-affine function, assume existence of the autocorrelation function C of f. Let $\Phi(p)$ denote the Fourier transform of f and E_{SP} the power-spectral density. If

$$E_{SP}[f](p) = |\Phi(p)|^2 \sim \frac{1}{p^{\beta}}$$
 for some $\beta \epsilon \mathcal{R}$, (33)

then

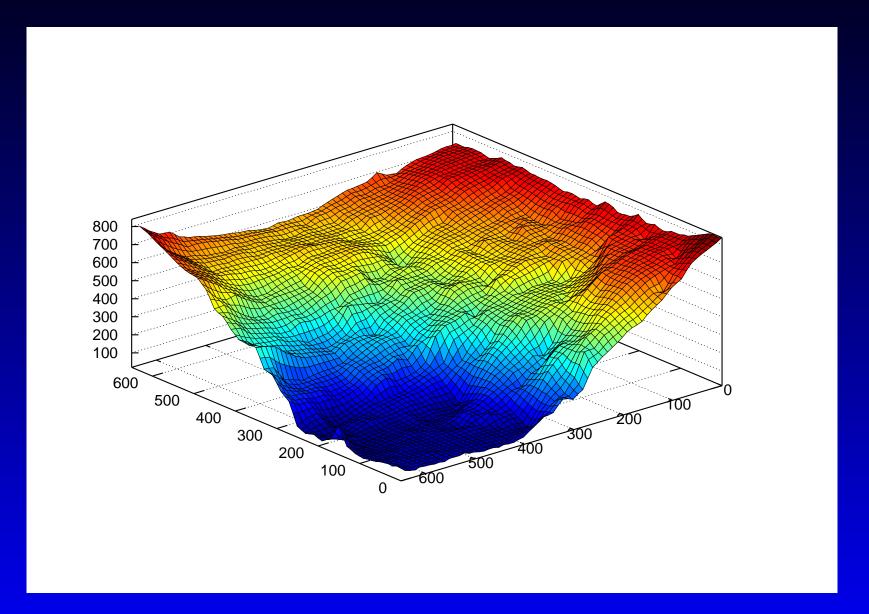
$$\beta \approx 5 - 2dim_B(graph f)$$
 and $dim_B(graph f) \approx \frac{5 - \beta}{2}$. (34)

Pine Island Glacier — L2A GLAS Data (2003)



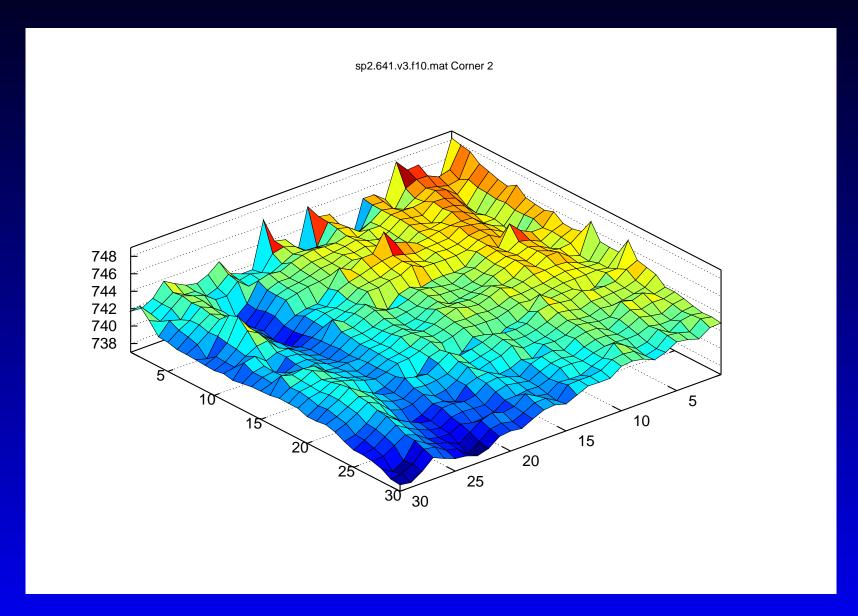
3D view upglacier, based on DEM from GLAS data, with GLAS data locations

Conditional Simulation: Pine Island Glacier

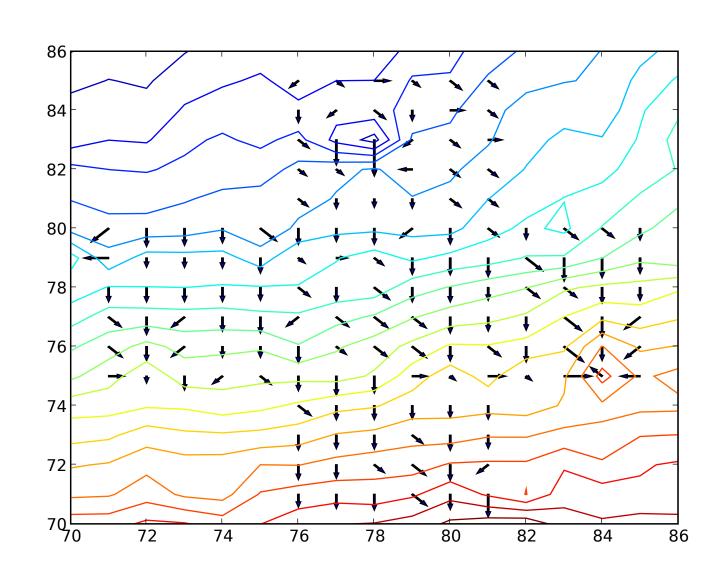


3D view upglacier, based on DEM from L2 (2003) GLAS data

Conditional Simulation: Pine Island Glacier – Enlarged Subarea

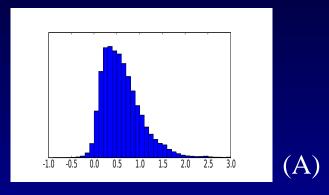


Gradient Map from Multi-Beam Data

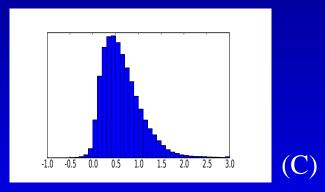


Histograms of Gradients

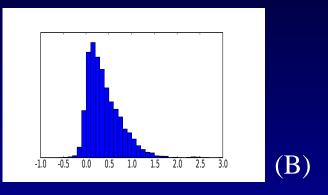
Objective: Investigate how well variability of surface slope is captured in SB and MB (8beam) observations



for MB data from Pinegl-Simul DEM (max. slope 4.3°)



for entire Pinegl-Simul DEM. (max. slope 4.9°)



for SB data from Pinegl-Simul DEM (max. slope 2.9°)

Questions?



Conclusions Multi-Beam -2

- (A) Multi-Beam or only Single-Beam Lidar for ICESat-2?
 - (1) Multi-beam lidar observations will yield 3-dimensional information on land and sea ice elevation
 - Locally-known hi-res elevation captures gradient and directional derivative distribution of the entire surface to 99.9 percentile
 - (3) Spatial statistical properties from swath data can be used to extrapolate between ground tracks
- → With a MB system, ICESat-2 can meet and advance the "Decadal Survey" objectives for cryospheric observation, change detection, modeling and prediction.

(B) Swath Mapper (16 Beams) — Split Beam (4 or 2 Beams)

- (1) Swath Mapper
 - (a) Achieves superior spatial resolution and hence better accuracy and more spatial information (as in (A)) (140m gradient fields, 0.85m along-track sampling)
 - More susceptible to cloud/ aerosol caused data loss, but studies so far indicate good spatial data collection
 - (c) Instrument to date only tested on aircraft

(2) Split Beam

- (a) Twice the track density as \overline{SB} , with 140m offset data in 2° rotated mode
- (b) Cannot derive gradient fields with 140m grids, but across-track slope locally, otherwise 4km gradient fields
- (c) Split-beam technology with pulse-repetition lidar with specs similar to GLAS